

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 11, and 12 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving data on a stream broadcast via a network;

a memory which is capable of storing a predetermined amount of the received data on a stream broadcast;

data processing means for processing the data on a stream broadcast stored on the memory to generate video data for the stream broadcast;

video output means for outputting the video data to a display apparatus;

detection means for detecting interruption point data indicating a position where reproduction of the stream broadcast should be interrupted out of the received data on a stream broadcast, wherein the interruption point data is incorporated in the data on a stream broadcast relating to scene partitions of a program on the stream broadcast; and

control means for (a) monitoring abnormality of communication based upon a stored data amount of the memory, and (b) when a state at which the reproduction of the stream broadcast should be interrupted the abnormality of the communication is detected, controlling the data processing means and the video output means to ~~stop~~ continue the output of the video data from a position at which the abnormality is detected to at a position instructed in the interruption point data detected by the detection means, so as to display on the display apparatus a video image based on the video data, and stop the output of the video data at the position instructed in the interruption point data.

2. (Original) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control means monitors abnormality of communication based upon a stored data amount of the memory and a communication rate of the data on a stream broadcast by the reception means.

3. (Original) A receiving apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the control means further controls the data processing means and the video output means to restart the output of the video data from the position instructed in the interruption point data in response to an amount of data of the data on a stream broadcast stored on the memory having reached a predetermined amount after stopping the output of the video data.

4. (Original) A receiving apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the control means further detects an estimated time when the output of the video data can be restarted based upon the amount of data, which is stored on the memory while the output of the video data is stopped, and the communication rate, and then controls the video output means to display information of the estimated time.

5. (Original) A receiving apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the detection means further detects restart point data indicating a restart point after stopping the video output out of the data on a stream broadcast, and controls the data processing means and the video output means to restart the output of the video data from a position instructed in the detected restart point data.

6. (Original) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control means further controls the video output means to output predetermined video data instead of video data according to the data on a stream broadcast after stopping the output of the video data.

7. (Original) A receiving apparatus according to claim 6, wherein, in the case in which an amount of data of the data on a stream broadcast stored on the memory has reached a predetermined amount after stopping the output of the video data, the control means further controls the data processing means and the video output means to restart the output of the video data from a position instructed in the interruption point data after the predetermined video data ends.

8. (Original) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the detection means further detects location information of a second distribution server, which is capable of distributing data on a stream broadcast at or after the interruption point, out of the data on a stream broadcast, and the control means controls the reception means to make connection to the second distribution server when abnormality of communication is detected.

9. (Original) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the detection means further detects two kinds of levels of the interruption point data out of the data on a stream broadcast, and the control means selects the two kinds of levels of the interruption point data according to a type of a communication rate of the connected network.

10. (Original) A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the interruption point data is data which designates a position where the stream broadcast should be interrupted after a CM ends and before a program following the CM starts, which are included in the data on a stream broadcast.

11. (Currently Amended) A receiving method, comprising the steps of:
receiving data on a stream broadcast via a network;
storing the received data on a stream broadcast on a memory;
processing the data on a stream broadcast stored on the memory to generate video data for the stream broadcast;
outputting the video data for display;
detecting interruption point data indicating a position where reproduction of the stream broadcast should be interrupted from the received data on a stream broadcast, wherein the interruption point data is incorporated in the data on a stream broadcast relating to scene partitions of a program on the stream broadcast; and

monitoring abnormality of communication based upon a stored data amount of the memory; and

stopping the output of the video data at when the abnormality of the communication is detected, controlling the processing and outputting steps to continue output of the video data from a position at which the abnormality is detected to a position instructed in the detected interruption point data, so as to display a video image based on the video data, and stop the output of the video data at the position instructed in the interruption point data when a state at

~~which the stream broadcast should be interrupted is detected.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A receiving apparatus comprising:

a receiver for receiving data on a stream broadcast via a network;

a memory which is capable of storing a predetermined amount of the received data on a stream broadcast;

a data processor for processing the data on a stream broadcast stored on the memory to generate video data for the stream broadcast;

a video output for outputting the video data to a display apparatus;

a detector for detecting interruption point data indicating a position where reproduction of the stream broadcast should be interrupted from the received data on a stream broadcast, wherein the interruption point data is incorporated in the data on a stream broadcast relating to scene partitions of a program on the stream broadcast; and

a controller for (a) monitoring abnormality of communication based upon a stored data amount of the memory, and (b) ~~when a state at which the reproduction of the stream broadcast should be interrupted~~ the abnormality of the communication is detected, controlling the data processor and the video output to ~~stop~~ continue the output of the video data from a position at which the abnormality is detected to ~~at~~ a position instructed in the interruption point data detected by the detector, so as to display on the display apparatus a video image based on the video data, and stop the output of the video data at the position instructed in the interruption point data.